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Tom Hinson  
Curator of Contemporary Art  
Cleveland Museum of Art  
11150 East Boulevard  
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

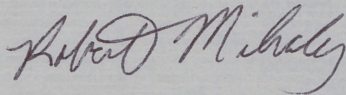
Dear Tom:

Enclosed are slides of my work and a current CV per your letter. Eleven slides are of a body of work begun in 1984. You may recognize that I have adapted some elements from my earlier and much smaller raku boxes. I have also included four slides of an environmental piece which was begun in 1982 and continues to evolve and expand.

It was first exhibited in a solo exhibition at the Columbus Museum of Art in 1982, and then again at Hallwalls in Buffalo in 1987. It is scheduled to be exhibited next at the William Busta Gallery in October 1991. Existing both as an environment and as an allegory on our environment, the piece is undergoing considerable conceptual shifts at this time. I am working to refine details and incorporate new items. I am deciding whether to make more specific environmental references or to maintain a healthy dose of ambiguity. I plan in the near future to experiment with what I would call "black noise," something that stands out from the background.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert Mihaly".

Robert Mihaly



ROBERT A. MIHALY  
1611 ROSEWOOD AVENUE  
LAKEWOOD, OHIO 44107  
(216) 221-2746

Born: May 26, 1947

EDUCATION:

- 1975 M.F.A. Kent State University, Kent, Ohio. Sculpture Major
- 1975, 1974 Scholarship, Blossom-Kent Art Program, Kent State University
- 1971 B.F.A. Ohio State Univeristy, Columbus. Sculpture Major

GRANTS AND AWARDS:

- 1985 Fellowship, Ohio Arts Council
- 1982 Commission and Jurors' Choice, Sculpture on the Green Competition, Worthington, Ohio
- 1982 Jury Mention, Ohio Artists and Craftsmen Show, Massillon Museum, Massillon, Ohio
- 1978 Project Grant, Ohio Arts Council
- 1976 First Prize in Ceramics, 41st National, Cooperstown, New York
- 1976 Judge's Choice and Purchase Award, Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, Ohio.
- 1975 Special Mention, Butler Institute of American Art
- 1974 Purchase Award, Massillon Museum

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS:

Cleveland Museum of Art, Ohio Arts Council, Butler Institute of American Art, Massillon Museum

SOLO EXHIBITIONS:

- 1991 William Busta Gallery, Cleveland, Ohio
- 1989 William Busta Gallery, Cleveland, Ohio
- 1982 Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus, Ohio
- 1982 Worthington Arts Council, Worthington, Ohio
- 1982 Spaces, Cleveland, Ohio
- 1976 University of Cincinnati, Clermont College, Batavia, Ohio

TWO-PERSON EXHIBITIONS:

- 1985 Vertu Gallery, Irvington-on-Hudson, New York
- 1985 Gallery West, Cuyahoga Community College, Parma, Ohio
- 1978 Mather Gallery, Case Western Reserve U., Cleveland, Ohio
- 1978 Lincoln Library, Lake Erie College, Painesville, Ohio

PERFORMANCES/INSTALLATIONS:

- 1981 "Riverbank Digs" and "Lair", environmental sculptures for "Clay Days", NOVA, Cleveland, Ohio
- 1981 "SculpturEvent", collaborative sculpture environment for display window, The Higbee Company and NOVA, Cleveland, Ohio
- 1980 "Settlement", environmental sculpture on Cuyahoga River bank, NOVA, Cleveland, Ohio
- 1978 "7-8-78", Interdisciplinary Scratch Music, Spaces, Cleveland



## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS:

- 1990, 1989, 1984, 1982, 1980, 1979, 1978, 1977, 1976, 1975, 1974  
May Show, Cleveland Museum of Art, Ohio
- 1990 Collaborations?, Spaces, Cleveland, Ohio
- 1990 Rip Off on the Last Millenium, Busta Gallery, Cleveland, Ohio
- 1987-88 Governor's Residence Art Collection, Columbus, Ohio
- 1987 Hallwalls/Spaces Artists Exchange, Buffalo, New York
- 1987, 1986, 1975 Three Rivers Arts Festival, Pittsburgh
- 1985-86 Ceramics by Seven, Opportunities for Arts traveling exhibit
- 1985 State of Ohio Sculpture, The Sculpture Center, New York
- 1985 State of Ohio Sculpture, Spaces, Cleveland, Ohio
- 1985 Focus Northern Ohio, Owens-Illinois Art Center, Toledo, Ohio
- 1985 Best of 1985, Ohio Designer Craftsmen, Columbus Arts Center
- 1983 Five Materials, Cleveland Museum of Art traveling exhibit
- 1982 40th International Artistic Ceramics, Faenza, Italy
- 1982 Contemporary Sculpture/Contemporay Landscapes, Holden  
Arboretum, Kirtland, Ohio
- 1981-83 Cleveland Ceramics 1920-1970s, Cleveland Museum of Art  
traveling exhibit
- 1981 Sculpture Outside in Cleveland, Lakefront State Park
- 1981 Raku, Ohio Designer Craftsmen Gallery, Columbus
- 1981 Ohio Craft Invitational, Mansfield Art Center, Mansfield, Ohio
- 1981 Sculpture '81, City of Upper Arlington, Ohio
- 1981 Ohio Ceramic Sculpture 1981, NOVA at Cleveland State University
- 1980 DBR Gallery, Cleveland, Ohio
- 1980 Biennial Exhibition, Ohio Designer Craftsmen traveling exhibit
- 1979 Beaux Arts Designer/Craftsman, Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus
- 1979 Midwest Potters Invitational Show, Valley Art Center, Chagrin  
Falls, Ohio
- 1979 Rip Off in the 80s, Spaces, Cleveland, Ohio
- 1978 Clay, Designer/Craftsman Guild, Fort Wayne, Indiana
- 1978 Kent Invitational/Ohio Glass and Ceramics, Kent State  
University Gallery, Kent, Ohio
- 1978, 1974 Ohio Artists and Craftsmen Show, Massillon Museum
- 1977 Invitational '77, The Craftsman's Gallery, Scarsdale, New York
- 1977, 1976, 1975 Ohio Ceramic and Sculpture Annual, Butler Institute  
of American Art, Youngstown, Ohio
- 1976 All Things Considered, Spirit of the Earth Gallery, New Hope,  
Pennsylvania
- 1976 18th Annual National Exhibition, Fall River, Massachusetts
- 1976, 1975 National Art Exhibition, Cooperstown, New York
- 1976 Nine Sculptors, Akron Art Institute, Akron, Ohio
- 1976 Ohio Artists and Craftsmen Invitational, Massillon Museum
- 1975 3rd Biennial Lake Superior International Craft Exhibit, Tweed  
Museum, University of Minnesota, Duluth
- 1975 National Sculpture '75, Southern Association of Sculptors,  
Huntsville Museum, Huntsville, Alabama and traveling exhibit
- 1975 Peters Valley Craftsmen Gallery, Layton, New Jersey
- 1975 Objects '75, Designer/Craftsman Show, Grand Junction, Colorado
- 1975 Marietta College Crafts National, Marietta, Ohio
- 1975 Beaux Arts Designer/Craftsman '75, Columbus Gallery of Fine  
Arts, Columbus
- 1975 May Show, Mansfield Art Center, Mansfield, Ohio



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Please complete and return the following questionnaire for our reference file on Cleveland Artists.

FULL NAME: Robert Allan Mihaly

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 5-26-47, Cleveland, Ohio

PRIMARY MEDIA Sculpture, Ceramics

ART TRAINING - Schools, Scholarships, etc.:

1975 M.F.A., Sculpture, Kent State University

1971 B.F.A., Sculpture, Ohio State University

1974 and 1975 Scholarships, Blossom-Kent Art Program, Kent State U.

EXHIBITIONS IN WHICH YOUR WORK HAS BEEN SHOWN:

1982 Solo Exhibition, Spaces, Cleveland, OH

1982, 1974-80 May Show, Cleveland Museum of Art

1981 Sculpture Outside in Cleveland

1981 Sculpture '81, City of Upper Arlington, OH

1981 Raku, Ohio Designer Craftsmen Gallery, Columbus, OH

1981 Ohio Craft Invitational Show 11, Mansfield Art Center, OH

1981 Ohio Ceramic Sculpture '81, NOVA at Cleveland State Univ.

1980 DBR Gallery, Cleveland, OH

COLLECTIONS WHICH NOW INCLUDE YOUR WORK:

Ohio Arts Council

Cleveland Museum of Art

Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, OH

Mansfield Museum, Mansfield, OH

numerous private collections

AWARDS:

1982 Sculpture on the Green Competition, Worthington, OH, competition  
for temporary site-specific sculpture

1978 Project Grant, Ohio Arts Council

PRESENT POSITION: self-employed artist/consultant; setting up artifiStudios  
with Kathleen Cervený, to work with architects/designers collaboratively

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We would appreciate any information regarding subsequent awards, purchases, exhibitions and scholarships.  
Thank you for your cooperation.



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FULL NAME: Robert Allan Mihaly

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: May 26, 1947 Cleveland, Ohio

PRIMARY MEDIA Sculpture (various media), Ceramics

ART TRAINING - Schools, Scholarships, etc.:

B.F.A. Ohio State University

M.F.A. Kent State University

Scholarship - Blossom-Kent Art Program, 1974 & 1975

Recent

EXHIBITIONS IN WHICH YOUR WORK HAS BEEN SHOWN:

1974 thru 1978: May Show, Cleveland Museum of Art

1978 Kent Invitational/Ohio Glass and Ceramics, Kent State Univ.

1978 Two Man Exhibition, Mather Gallery, Case Western Reserve Univ.

1977 "Invitational '77", The Craftsman's Gallery, Scarsdale, NY  
(will supply list of others if desired)

COLLECTIONS WHICH NOW INCLUDE YOUR WORK:

The Massillon Museum, Butler Institute of American Art, numerous  
private collections

AWARDS:

1976 First Prize in Ceramics, 41st National Art Exhibition,  
Cooperstown Art Association, Cooperstown, NY

1976 Judge's Choice and Purchase Award, Ohio Ceramic and Sculpture  
Annual, Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, OH

PRESENT POSITION:

Instructor in Sculpture and Ceramics, Cuyahoga Community College (Metro);  
Artists' Rights Coordinator, NOVA; founding member of a space

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FULL NAME: ROBERT ALLAN MIHALY

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 5-26-47, CLEVELAND, OHIO

PRIMARY MEDIA SCULPTURE + CERAMICS

ART TRAINING - Schools, Scholarships, etc.:

1973-75 KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, received M.F.A., AUG, 1975

1965-71 OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, received B.F.A., MAR, 1971

1974 + 1975 BLOSSOM-KENT ART PROGRAM, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

EXHIBITIONS IN WHICH YOUR WORK HAS BEEN SHOWN: (PARTIAL LIST)

1976 ONE MAN EXHIBITION, UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI, CLERMONT COLLEGE, BATAVIA, OHIO

1976 NINE SCULPTORS, AKRON ART INSTITUTE, AKRON, OHIO

1976 OHIO ARTISTS AND CRAFTSMEN INVITATIONAL, MASSILLON MUSEUM, MASSILLON, OHIO

1975-76 NATIONAL ART EXHIBITION, COOPERSTOWN ART ASSOCIATION, COOPERSTOWN, NEW YORK

1974-76 MAY SHOW, CLEVELAND MUSEUM

1975 3RD BIENNIAL LAKE SUPERIOR INTERNATIONAL CRAFT EXHIBIT, TWEED MUSEUM, DULUTH, MINN.

1975-76 OHIO CERAMIC AND SCULPTURE ANNUAL, BUTLER INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN ART, YOUNGSTOWN, OH.

1975 NATIONAL SCULPTURE '75, HUNTSVILLE MUSEUM, HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA + TRAVELING EXHIBITION

1975 MARIETTA COLLEGE CRAFTS NATIONAL, MARIETTA, OHIO

COLLECTIONS WHICH NOW INCLUDE YOUR WORK:

MASSILLON MUSEUM, MASSILLON, OHIO

BUTLER INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN ART, YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

AWARDS:

1976 JUDGE'S CHOICE + PURCHASE AWARD, BUTLER INSTITUTE (28th OHIO CERAMIC AND SCULPTURE ANNUAL)

1975 SPECIAL MENTION, BUTLER INSTITUTE (27th ANNUAL)

1974 PURCHASE AWARD, OHIO ARTISTS AND CRAFTSMEN SHOW, MASSILLON MUSEUM

RECENT: FIRST PRIZE IN CERAMICS, 41st NATL ART EXHIBITION, COOPERSTOWN ART ASSN., COOPERSTOWN, N.Y.

PRESENT POSITION: PRESENTLY SELF-EMPLOYED

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FULL NAME: ROBERT ALLAN MIHALY

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 5-26-47; CLEVELAND, OHIO

PRIMARY MEDIA SCULPTURE, CERAMICS, GLASS BLOWING

ART TRAINING - Schools, Scholarships, etc.:

M.F.A. CANDIDATE - KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

B.F.A. - 1971 - OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

1974 - MERIT SCHOLARSHIP, BLOSSOM - KENT ART PROGRAM,  
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

EXHIBITIONS IN WHICH YOUR WORK HAS BEEN SHOWN:

1974 GRADUATE STUDENT EXHIBITION, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, KENT, OHIO

1974 MAY SHOW, CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART, CLEVELAND, OHIO

1974 OHIO ARTISTS AND CRAFTSMEN SHOW, MASSILLON MUSEUM,  
MASSILLON, OHIO

1975 OHIO CERAMIC AND SCULPTURE ANNUAL, BUTLER INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN  
ART, YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

1975 OHIO CRAFTSMEN INVITATIONAL, MASSILLON MUSEUM, MASSILLON, OHIO

COLLECTIONS WHICH NOW INCLUDE YOUR WORK:

MASSILLON MUSEUM

AWARDS:

1974 PURCHASE AWARD, OHIO ARTISTS AND CRAFTSMEN SHOW, MASSILLON  
MUSEUM, MASSILLON, OHIO

1974 MERIT SCHOLARSHIP, BLOSSOM - KENT ART PROGRAM, KENT STATE  
UNIVERSITY, KENT, OHIO

1975 SPECIAL MENTION, OHIO CERAMIC AND SCULPTURE ANNUAL, BUTLER  
INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN ART, YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

PRESENT POSITION:

GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, KENT, OHIO

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